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SUBJECT: THE ILP HOLDS ITS CONVENTION

1. BEGIN UNCLASSIFIED: AT ITS CONVENTION FEB 27 AND 28, THE INDEPENDENT LIBERAL PARTY REELECTED MOSHE KOL, MINISTER OF TOURISM, AS ITS CHAIRMAN, NAMED A 430 MEMBER CENTRAL COMMITTEE, AND APPROVED A PLATFORM WHOSE FOREIGN POLICY SECTION DIFFERS LITTLE FROM THAT OF THE LABOR PARTY. THE CONVENTION'S OPENING CEREMONY WAS ATTENDED BY PRESIDENT KATZIR, PRIME MINISTER RABIN, DEFENSE MINISTER PERES, AND OTHER ALIGNMENT MINISTERS OF THE COALITION GOVERNMENT, OF WHICH THE ILP IS A JUNION (AND RELUCTANT) PARTNER. HONORED GUESTS INCLUDED THE HEAD OF THE ITALIAN LIBERAL PARTY, GIOVANNI MALAGODI, AND H. DALHAEUS, A REPRESENTATION OF THE GERMAN FDP WHO BROUGHT GREETINGS FROM FOREIGN MINISTER GENSCHER.

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2. THE PLATFORM REJECTS A SEPARATE PALESTINIAN STATE, STATING THAT THE PALESTINIAN PROBLEM SHOULD BE SOLVED IN "A JORDANIAN-PALESTINIAN STATE AND THE PALESTINIAN ENTITY SHOULD FIND POLITICAL EXPRESSION IN THIS JOINT STATE." IT SUPPORTS A RECONVENING OF THE GENEVA CONFERENCE WHICH WILL TACKLE THE PALESTINIAN PROBLEM WITH

THE PARTICIPATION OF "ISRAEL, JORDAN, AND AN AUTHORIZED PALESTINIAN DELEGATION WHICH WILL UNDERTAKE TO RECOGNIZE THE STATE OF ISRAEL AND BE READY TO MAINTAIN PEACEFUL RELATIONS WITH HER." THE PLATFORM ALSO STATES THAT TO ATTAIN PEACE ISRAEL WILL AGREE TO TERRITORIAL COMPROMISES ON ALL FRONTS.

3. THE NEW CENTRAL COMMITTEE WILL DRAW UP THE PARTY'S LIST FOR THE MAY 17 KNESSET ELECTION. KOL, WHO HAS BEEN IN THE KNESSET FOR YEARS, HAS INDICATED THAT HE HAS NOT YET MADE UP HIS MIND IF HE WILL ACCEPT A POSITION ON THE LIST. IN GENERAL, THE PARTY LEADERSHIP, WHICH INCLUDES MINISTER WITHOUT PORTFOLIO GIDEON HAUSNER AND PARTY SECRETARY GENERAL YITZAK BARKAI, WAS STRONGLY CRITICIZED BY THE 720 DELEGATES. END UNCLASSIFIED.

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4. COMMENT: THE PARTY HAS A LONG HISTORY AS A LIBERAL FORCE ON DOMESTIC POLICIES AND MODERATING FACTOR IN FOREIGN AFFAIRS, EXERTING AN INFLUENCE OUT OF PROPORTION TO ITS SIZE. IT HAS ITS OWN KIBBUTZ AND MOSHAV MOVEMENTS AND OTHER INSTITUTIONAL BULWARKS IN ISRAELI SOCIETY. BUT IT IS IN DEEP TROUBLE TODAY. ITS LEADERSHIP MISSED THE BOAT IN FAILING TO LEAVE THE COALITION BEFORE RABIN'S RESIGNATION LAST DECEMBER. AS A CONSEQUENCE, IT HAS TO SHARE IN ALL THE CRITICISMS OF THE GOVERNMENT AND IS UNABLE TO PROJECT AN INDEPENDENT STANCE. ITS ALIGNMENT WITH THE DEMOCRATIC MOVEMENT FOR CHANGE WOULD LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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BE A NATURAL, BUT TALKS LEADING TO SUCH A MERGER BROKE DOWN OVER YADIN'S INSISTENCE THAT A PARTY WISHING TO JOIN THE DMC MUST DISSOLVE AND GIVE UP ITS KNESSET SEATS. AS A MEMBER OF THE COALITION IT IS LEGALLY PROHIBITED FROM WITHDRAWING AND, WITH THE ILP'S FAR-REACHING VESTED INTERESTS IN ISRAELI SOCIETY, YADIN'S CONDITIONS PROVED TO BE PROHIBITIVE. OBSERVERS NOW BELIEVE THAT THE ILP WILL LOSE GROUND IN THE MAY ELECTION POSSIBLY DWINDLING TO ONE OR TWO SEATS OR EVEN FAILING TO GET ANY. HOWEVER, IT IS DOUBTFUL THAT THE PARTY WILL DEISAPPEAR ENTIRELY, AT LEAST NOT IN THE IMMEDIATE FUTURE. DUNNIGAN

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